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report of Its Capture is Not Believed in London.

STEAMER IS NOT AT THE ISLE OF WIGHT

It Passes the Lizard Safely and is Not Parsued.

C/ PTA'N WATKINS KNOWS OF HIS DANGER

Leaves the Customary Eoute When in the Open Sea.

PASSENGERS WELCOME THE ADVENTURE

They Decline an Offer to Return Ashore and Have Their Money Refunded, Preferring to Take Their Chances.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) LONDON, April 23 .- (New York World Cablegram - Special Telegram.) - Englishmen were startled today by the suddenness with which war preparations were brought to their own shores by the reported capture of the American liner Paris by a Spenish cruiser in the English channel. The story went through various phases during the day. First it was a capture and then that the Paris had put back to Yermouth Roads, Isle of Wight; finally, that it had put in at Fetland Bay, in the same island.

The officials of the company maintained that the Paris was 200 miles west of the Lizard at the time it was reported captured, and at 7 p. m. I received the following dispatch from the Hurst Castle signal station at the entrance of the Solent, where the Paris must have been seen had it returned to the Usle of Wight:

"Paris passed here outward bound about 3 o'clock yesterday and has not been seen here since."

This, teken in confunction with the fact that the steamer was eignailed as it pussed the Lizard at 11:28 p. m., shows that there is no foundation for the statements published that it had been captured, current Friday night, before the hour it was signalled at the Lizard, and it is plain that the whole story is a fabrication. It has not returned to the Isle of Wight or any other English port and If it were captured there would be no means of knowing the fact unless it was sighted at sea in company with a Spanish cruiser, which is not alleged, or until brought into a Spanish port.

Captain Watkins knew the danger of capture and before starting offered his passengers an opportunity for going ashore and getting their money refunded, but this suggestion was received with good natured ridicule. Judging by the temper of the possengers especially that of the women, when leaving Southampton, they will be decidedly disappointed if the voyage passes without adven-

Captain Watkins' plan is to keep well in shore until the British isles are cleared and then make the course wide of the ordinary beaten Atlantic route.

PASSENGER LIST OF THE PARIS.

The complete passenger list of the Park

is as follows: Saloon-R. S. Brewster, Reginald Crews J. T. Dennison, Mrs. Dennison, Rev. W. J. Ennis, W. Foy, Victor Hughes Hallett, J. R. Kilbourne, Alexander MacDonald, Mrs. and

Miss Mangold, Miss Payton, H. G. Tyler, L. D. White, Mrs. and Miss White. Second Cabin-Hugh Beakley, Miss Marie Christinsen, Mr. Doomscho, Mr. and Mrs. Delacroix, Henry Davies, Charles Fellows John William Godfrey, Mrs. Elizabeth Heavens. Miss Eva Hearst, James and Mrs. Huntley, Benjamin Ivor Ivanson, K. I. Iwoschko, Edward John Jones, Jens Chris Jensen, Mrs. Selme Kenney, Miss Marie Kenney, Miss Lillian Monk, Mrs. Mary Maxwell, Master Albert Maxwell, Mrs. J. A. Pollard, Miss Theodore Pawlikowski, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Pierce

Miss Nora M. Pierce, Charles Parlett, John

L. and Mrs. Ryan, Robert and Mrs. Annie

Sterling, Mrs. Matilda Saunders, Alin G.

Simposon, Harold J. Sims, Miss Annie Wakeland, Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Woodthorpe. Sensational stories are current here today that Spain will prove much better supplied with unarmored cruisers than has been supposed, as it bought a large number secret'y No credence is attached to this statement which is a part of a concerted attempt by Spanish agents to surround Spain's naval plans with an aspect of terrifying myetery. Further, the report declared that Austria had offered Spain four large cruisers on easy terms. I inquired at the Austrian embassy respecting the time, and was informed by the second secretary: "We have heard noth-

it to be untrue." "Would it not be a direct act of hostility to the United States, in view of the warlike operations having begun?"

"I suppose it would, but Austria, I may tell you, has no ships to spare. We have not enough for our own requirements, and are at present adding to the number."

ing about such arrangements, and I believe

AMERICAN YACHTS ENDANGERED. There are an unusual number of valuable American steam yachte now in Mediterranean waters and eastern waters, liable to capture if they venture beyond the shelter of a neutral port. Vanderbilt's Vallent, A. J. Drexel's Gargareta and Sultana, Weaver's Norna, Lord's Queen Mab, Walter's Narala, as well as Andria Arctures' Fleur de Lie. Erlking and many other American yachte in the Mediterranean are very awkwardly placed, as they must risk running the gauntlet of Gibraltar, or else leave by the Sucz canal and make their way home across the Pacific, which would scarcely suit their own-

It is believed Mr. Vanderbilt has nomi nally disposed of his Valiant and that it will cross the Atlantic under a neutral flag. otherwise Spain would make a race for so desirable a prize.

In accordance with a prediction made early this week, a marked change is now manifested in the tone of the Russian press toward the quarrel between Spain and the United States. The semi-official Journal at St. Petersburg, after some days' silence, writes declaring: "Conflict may fairly be secided as being brought about by force of port Panther, with 750 marines aboard, is elreumstances," and that the war is one in still anchored in Hampton Roads. A heavy which Russia has no concern, this neutral gale is blowing. attitude contrasting so strongly with the last utterances of the inspired Russian

of his efforts at mediation that it has affected his health, and it is expected among his entourage that it will hesten his end. UNDER MORRO CASTLE'S GUNS

(off Havana), April 23 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The third capture of a Spanish vessel by a United States war ship during this war was made within range of the guns of Morro Castle. During last night the torpedo boat Eriesson sighted a fishing boat and gave chase. The cuptain made all sail and headed for Havana harbor. When the Ericsson was a quarter of a mile away and rapidly overhauling the fisherman, it fired a shot from one of its rapid fire guns across the bow of the Foth Will Search Other Vessels When Spaniard. Before the fiching boat could make the harbor the Ericsson cut off its netreat, the two boats having by this time run right under the guns of Morro Castle. one shot from which might have sunk the torpedo boat. A prize crew was put on board of the fishing boat and it made sail

for Key West. KEY WEST, Fla., April 23 .- 4:30 p. m .-The torpedo boat Ericsson arrived this afternoon from the fleet. It left Havana at 10 o'clock. There had then been no bombardment. A peaceful blockade has been established.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 24.-The fleet captured another prize Saturday afternoon-the schooner Mathilde of Havena, laden with rum. The schooner was taken by the torpedo boat Porter, after a lively chase, and after a number of solid shot were fired.

A prize crew from the flagship was put on board the echooner, but no ship could be spared to tow it, and it was brought into Key West in tow of the Associated Press dispatch boat Dauntless, which arrived about midnight.

The Dauntless reports that the fleet has been divided. The Nachville and Machias or Castine sailed for the west at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The Amphitrite, Cinclinati, Castine or Machinas sailed cast. The rest of the fleet, at 3:30 in the afternoon, was blockading Havona, which is distant ten miles to the southward. ON BOARD FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, (off

Havana) April 23,-9 a. m.-The American fleet is still off Morro Castle. No casualty has occurred up to the present time to any of the American vessels and everything remains quiet.

British Naval Officers Await the News

with Anxiety. (Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) blegram-Special Telegram.)-The possibility of an encounter between the United States | yell several times. buttleship Oregon and a Spanish fleet is an exciting topic among British naval officers. W. H. Wilson, naval writer and expert, to Navy league is due, says:

"It is possible the Spaniards are after the tion. Oregon, which is now plowing its way up north from Cape Horn. I do not know the position leaders and generals as a means to in imminent danger, as it is not due at Key to make it possible for the liberals to say West until April 27, or May 1. A glance at the chart shows that it must steam perilously near the Cape Verde islands, and an attempt to intercept it would not take the Spaniards

to make it possible for the liberals to say they had remained in office with the espent of the queen regent because nobody cared to many, France, Austria and Italy have about agreed to send a strong note to both the United States and Spain, warning them to much out of their course. On the other hand if the Spaniards are moving with this object they will run no small risk of losing Porto Rico or Cuba in the meantime. The Spanish ships would almost inevitably suffer severe damage in action with the Oregon and all, or most of them, might be driven to return to

Cadiz for repairs and fresh coal. WASHINGTON, April 23.-The Navy department is fully aware of the whereabouts of the battleship Oregon and the gunboat Marietta, but for prudential reisons the officlass positively decime to say where the vensels are, whether or not they have been ordered to return to San Francisco, or in fact to make any statement respecting them further than that no apprehension for their safety is felt. It is known that the department has taken steps to have the commander of the Oregon met by friends and warned of the outbreak of hostilities and of the presence of the Spanish gunboat Temerario at Buenos Ayres in the path of the war ship on ite way to the North American

DENY STORY OF CABINET CRISIS. Cortes Will Adjourn After Passing

Financial Measure. MADRID, April 23 .- 10 a. m .- The stories of a ministerial crisis are denied and it is understood that after agreeing to the financial program the Cortes will adjourn until May 15. Although the patriotic demonstrations continue in the provinces, public order is not disturbed. Senor Moret, the Minister for the colonies, declares it is impossible for telegraphic communication with Cuba to be interrupted, even if the Key West cable is cut, as three other cables, protected by the guarantee of the telegraphic convention,

reach the island. The rumor that the minister of marine, Admiral Bermejo, will resign his office in order to command one of the Spanish squadrons, is without foundation. The Spanish fleet in the Antilles will be commanded by Admiral Manterola, the Sponish naval commander at Havana, and the flying squadron of Spain is to be commanded by Admiral

A cable dispatch has been received her from the governor general of the Philippine islands, in which that official says he is not in the least afraid of the American squadron

now at Hong Kong.

p. m .- The convoy Panther, with 800 marines plans, owing to the absolute shutting down aboard, bound for Key West, arrived here of all Spanish sources of information. The tonight at 7 o'clock. At 9 o'clock Commodore special correspondent of the News, who has Schley of the firing squadron received a just reached Spain, says the silence of the cipher dispatch directing him to provide a press on the military and naval movements guard for the ecowoy. The Minneapolis and is one of the most striking features of the the Columbia were detailed and at 9:10 the situation. He asks: Minneapolis fired a gun for all to get aboard. Rumor said that the vewels might have a

different destination after passing the capes lief the Spaniards have a plan and are atat the entiance to this harbor than merely convoying the transport with troops. It was possible that the two fast ships might go out and meet the Paris, now en route to New thorties is, whether or not it has coal so York City.

The last rumor was to the effect that the Minneapolis was to go after the Paris and not. But the experts are confusedly without the Columbia to guard the transport to Key data to enable them to express a definite West.

The Minneapolis left at 10:45, followed by the Columbia a few minutes later. The trans-

Miantonomoh Puts to Sen. PHILADELPHIA, April 23,-The monitor press, will, it is believed, react upon the Miantonomoh, which sailed from League French government, producing a less hos island yesterday afternoon, passed out to sea bar, as follows: tile tone in Parisian papers. Meanwhile, at full speed at 11:15 o'clock this morning. from the vatican comes a report that the bound south. It is believed it will touch at pope is so deeply distressed over the failure Charleston on the way to Key West,

Torpedo Bont. Ericason Captures a Spain at Last Makes a Declaration on Spanish Fishing Bont.

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ON BOARD THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK

WILL NOT ISSUE LETTERS OF MARQUE

Decides to Exercise the Right of Search at All Times.

FLEET AS AUXILIARY WAR VESSELS

So Inclined.

Government Reserves Liberty as to the Question of Conl Being Declared Contraband of War.

tomorrow will publish a decree in substance them against her. I believe the Cuban rean follows:

to the question of coal being contraband of war. Second-Spain will not issue letters of

marque and will treat all vessels holding letters of marque issued by America as piratas and not as privateers. Spain will utilize a numerous merchant fleet as auxiliary war ships and will exercise the right of search, both by the regular and the auxiliary war ships.

CONCERNING A CABINET CRISIS.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) MADRID, (via the Frontier)-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-I find that rumors of the crisis are differently interpreted by the friends and adversaries of the cabinet, the latter believing it a necessary result of such consultations by public men as must have had for its object in the concerning its alleged return or the report INTERESTED IN THE OREGON. mind of the queen regent, a desire to cast awaiting sealed orders. It is thought orders Havana. off the least popular members of her government, in particular Moret, minister of colonies, whose house has been guarded by a LONDON, April 23 .- (New York World Ca- posse of police on foot and horseback, against whom the Madrid mob has already begun to

Moret and his conciliatory views on Cuban home rule and his free trade inclinations are deemed a dead failure by a majority of Spanwhose exertions the foundation of the British | iards, who only submitted to such measure in the hope of adverting American interven-

Sagasta has appealed to a council of opwhereabouts of the Oregon, but it must be prepare a soft fall for some of his colleagues

erate street demonstrations as a let-off of popular steam and make the authorities more popular, especially in Madrid. A most remarkable irritation is shown in all ranks of society and the press against England. The enthusiasm of the Spaniards is fanned by the papers publishing tales of past unsuccessful attempts of England made by sea and land to seize Porto Rico and Cuba as an excellent illustration of the fate awaiting America's similar expeditions

Great uneasiness and apprehension exist beneath the resolute attitude of the press politicians on account of communication with Cuba and Porto Rico. The government says mail steamers will continue to go out, but already few passengers engage berths.

It is rumored again today that contracts have been made for the purchase of three ironclads from Austria and Italy. Should the minister of marine retire he will assume command of the large fleet assembling at Cadiz and Admiral Churruca from Cadiz would be the new minister of military preparations. Barely 25,000 reserves have been called out. Many ports in the peninsula have just had submarine defences laid down.

The last twenty-four hours have been comparatively quiet politically. All eyes are turned to Cuba and the Cape Verde fleet. Much reserve is shown about advice given the queen regent by several generals and politicians who consulted to endeavor to form European aillances at any cost, which both esteem feasible in view of the attitude of France and Russia and as Germany is supposed to hold back Austria and Italy. The queen regent listened silently to this advice. as she did to most persons consulted, though she is known to be much inclined to the idea of alliances if it could bring early consequences. Frequent communications are again paseing between Madrid and the continental courts. The cabinet and the newspapers are very incredulous about European aid and valiantly advise Spain to fight its battles alone and say that Spain has to thank the powers for having imposed its last humiliating concession.

Strategists in a Dilemma. LONDON, April 23 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The naval strategy likely to be employed by the United States and Spain still absorbs attention here. Curiosity has been intensified by FORT MONROE, Va., April 23 .- 9:08 the mystery surrounding the Spanish naval

"Does this silence cover efficient strategy or a lack of purpose? To the best of my betempting to carry it out."

Spain may have a plan, but the vital, undecided point in the eyes of the naval auplaced as to enable it to execute that plan. Such evidence as exists indicates that it has opinion on that point.

Opinion on Coal.

LONDON, April 23 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-On the question of making coal contraband of war I se cured the opinion of Sir Edward Clarke, queen's counsel, formerly solicitor general and an acknowledged leader of the English

"No country can make any article contraband by 'ipse dixit.' As to coal, there has been no naval war of consequence since coal

tions. Therefore, the case of coal is a perfectly novel question. Compand can only be decided by a prize court of either belligerent, but if a government declares a certain article contraband it makes it certain that Cuban Capital Making a Frenzied Effort to a neutral ship captured carrying that article will get a decision against it in a prize court. The declaration by Great Britain would, therefore, have serious operative effects."

WOODFORD IS STILL IN PARIS. Ambassador Porter Places Rooms at

His Disposal. (Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) PARIS, April 23 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)- Ambassador Porter today placed the moms of the American embassy at the disposal of General Woodford with a view to his apparent intention to stay here some time.

Queen Isabella sent a second donation of 80,000 francs from the Spanish treasury, Her daughter Eulalie's contribution was 30,000 NUMEROUS MERCHANT FLEET FOR USE frances. Isabella is by no means rich and this means a considerable sacrifice for her. French partisarship is inclining more steadily to the side of Spain and Rochefort's protests against the injustice and impolicy of this line are as a voice crying in the wilderness. He says today: "If the Cubans were oppressing Spain we should be for it and against them, but as it is Spain is op-MADRID, April 23.-5 p. m.-The Gazette pressing the Cubans and we should be for public is already so well constituted that the moment the Spanish are expelled it First-The government reserves liberty as will enter on its functions throughout the island."

> Several entertainments have been counterof war. Yvette Gilbert has declined an engagement to go to Madrid, causing bitter comment by the Madrid press.

AUDAZ ALMOST READY TO SAIL

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.)
QUEENSTOWN, April 23.—(New York correspondent visited the passage docks to- that the whole United States army was on Maria Christina brought as a gift from the Moret Likely to Be the First to day, went aboard the Audaz, found its work its way in transports from the gulf ports. Spaniards in Mexico 3,534 sacks of cornall finished and the crew preparing to get it There were predictions that the actual in- meal, beans, rice and coffee. out of dock. Its damage has been fully re- vasion of Cuba might begin Sunday. paired with the exception of a little minor ! work which can be perfected by the engineers' board at sea.

will be given to sail for Ferrol or Cadiz, as through a short stock of coal it cannot cruise departure. It may proceed to sea any moment. Its expected departure from Queenstain said it might remain until Sunday or Monday before sealed orders arrived by cable.

ACTION TO PROTECT SHIPPING.

States and Spain.
BERLIN, April 23.—There has been a neutral flags. It is understood that Ger-Sampson wished. exercise the greatest caution in dealing with neutral shipping, adding that otherwise full reparation will be insisted upon. These powers also intend to cend vessels to the seat of war to observe the naval and other operations. Germany wilt probably send the Koenig Wilhelm. Great Britain and Russia

are still hanging back. The German government is strongly in ceased at the sale of the Hamburg-American liners Normandia and Columbia to a Spanish company, as the vessels were auxiliary cruisers, and therefore the consent of the government of Germany, which was not obtained, was necessary for the sale.

PORTUGAL MUST COME TO TIME. United States Serves Formal

Concerning Spain's Fleet. (Copyright, 1898, by Press Lublishing Com ST. VINCENT, Cape de Verde Islands, April 23.-(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-The United States government has served notice on the Portuguese government, to whom the Cape de Verde islands belong, to either send the Spanish war ships away from St. Vincent forthwith, or keep them there during the war, as required by international law.

Thinks Americans Will Win. Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing LONDON, April 23 .- (New York World Ca-

Crutchley, the secretary of the British Navy view, but also that of other leading authorities with which he has discussed the subject, said today: "There is a belief that this will be a war of surprises and that a good many predictions will be knocked on the head. Nobody, not even the most expert, can predict what is likely to happen, but, judging from all the circumstances, it seems that the Americans lutend to establish blockade of Havana and that Spain, there fore, will wait until the American ships are in position and then endeavor to direct one powerful squadron against them with the object of getting through them in detail." Commander Crutchley would not venture to say whether Spain could successfully carry out such an operation or not, but he declared that the United States must win in a long run. He was disposed to minimize the England. lessons to be derived from the war, as

expert fighters. Will Not Offer an Opinion. Copyright, 1896, by Press Publishing Company. LONDON, April 23 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-R. Vezey Ham-

ilton, admiral, gives the following opinion: "Your author, Mark Twain, gave very useful advice to 'never prophesy unless you know.' Another eminent author, Von Moltke, writes: 'It is a fallacy to believe that the actual conduct of a campaign can be foreseen. The first collision with the enemy no matter how it may result creates a fresh position of affairs. Much you had intended to do now appears to be impracticable; much which before seemed impossible now is possible. More especially is this the case with new operations.' I have formed no theory on the subject nor studied it. There is an infallible source, 'the beginning of a strife | 12,000. is when one letteth out water.' No mortal can foresee the end."

Sherman Resigns Tomorrow WASHINGTON, April 23.-The Post will say tomorrow that the resignation of John Sherman as secretary of state will be placed in the hands of the president Monday.

St. Louis Arrives in New York NEW YORK, April 23.-The American line steamer St. Louis has arrived from Southampton. The St. Louis saw no war ships.

Get Ready.

PATCHING UP THEIR FORTIFICATIONS

Old Frass Cannon Being Used for Coast

UNITED STATES FLEET CREATES PANIC

Defense Purposes.

Comparatively Easy Matter to thell Out the Town.

WAR SHIPS IN LITTLE DANGER OF INJURY

Great Scarcity of Food in Havans with Prices Rapidly Rising_Condition of the Reconcentrados is Horrible.

(Copyright, 1898, by Press Publishing Company.) ON-BOARD-THE-TRITON, Fifteen Miles 22 Sporting Review of the Week. North of Mariel, Cuba, Daybreak, April 23.— 23 With the Wheels and Wheelmen. (New York World Cablegram-Special Tele- 24 How to Build a Canvas Canoe. gram.)-Havana is making a tardy, frenzied effort to prepare for war with the United States. When your correspondent left there last night—running the gauntlet of the city guard, regular troops massed outside the city and the scouting guardless to the city gua manded by the American colony on account lest night-running the gauntlet of the the city and the scouting guerillus-to get this uncensored dispatch through the whole city of Havana was in a state of the 10 a. m 54 wildest excitement. Ten ships of the United 11 a. m. 57 States pays were of United 12 m. 58 Repairs on Spanish Torpedo Bont States navy were off Havana at sunset.

Nearly Completed. People expected the bombardment to begin People expected the bombardment to begin this (Saturday) morning.

The newspapers have no reliable news. Cable communication with Key West is not a tremendous drop in silver. Even before cut off, but of course the Spaniards refuse to that \$4.7 in gold brought \$7 in silver and Work has been carried on day and night believe any news that now comes over that about \$14 in paper money. Really no busiincessantly to complete repairs. The boat cable from Key West. They suspect that nees is being done, as all the men are either now lies alongside the docks in deep water it is "cooked" at the American end to feel drilling or counting their losses. On April

Your correspondent met near Mariel the the wharves besides the cargoes of three venturesome correspondent Hellburg, whose big vessels which were discharging. Four about this side and capture prizes. The Brit- landing on the coast was made from the dis- other vessels will coal here on their way to ish government will not interfere with its patch boat Triton last Tuesday. These two Havana. correspondents not only got the first real | The censurate of the press is now stricter news from Havana since the departure of information for Rear Admiral Sampson.

FIXING THE FORTIFICATIONS.

The rumor that four new twelve-inch Krupp castle is without foundation. The truth is The rebel forces have received large ac- forces ready for muster. the guns are on their way and the mounts | cereions. The notive Cubans feared there If the attack upon Havana is delayed much they preferred to fight with their friends be brought to one of three great depots, longer the Cojimar batteries will surely be than against them. It is estimated that more namely, Washington, Richmond and Atlanta,

Chorrera inlet in the western suburbs of the leaders. Havana for the transportation of sand for the embankments of the two Vedido and Santa Clara batteries. This work is not completed, and as matters now stand one twelve-inch shell might disable the two big Santa Clara guns if it struck the still bare masonry. A two-inch water pipe is being laid under the neck of Havana harbor to supply Morro, Cabanas and the Coljimax batteries. Alarm was spread in Havana at the beginning of the work by the display of a signal on Morro castle reading: "Harbor closed." Everyone thought at once that the American fleet was at hand, but the signal was only for the protection of the pipe layers. There are hourly drills in all the batteries, but there is no more firing of the guns in target practice on account of the lack of ammunition. General Blanco deems it wise to save all his projectiles and powder for the day of actual need. He is reported to be olegram - Special Telegram.) - Commander short of ammunition already. With the single exception of the sand protection, the deleague, expressing not only his personal | fenses of Havana have not been materially strengthened thus far, although long lines of

work are under way. SHIPS AT HAVANA. April 21 these Spanish war ships were in

the harbor: Alfonso XII, second class cruiser-This vesreplaced here.

Le Caspi-This is a transport, is very slow and carries only two small guns. Nueva Espana-This second class gunboat

Filipinas-Torpedo guoboat. Its machinery Magallanes-Gunboat. Its machinery is

it are waiting for parts that carnot be made Havana press stated it was for the poor, in Havana. Infanta Isabella-Second class cruiser. The

gressing slowly. Marquis de Ensinadad-Second class cruiser. Under repairs.

Antonio Lopez-Fourth class guoboat. The only serviceable craft in the harbor. It has been doing patrol duty along the coast. The Spacish authorities co April 21 claimed that there were 25,000 soldiers in

the city of Havana able for service in defending the land approaches. The truth is night and yet only one feeble attempt was that there is probably less than half that number. One battalion reached Havary of class knew we were illegally within the them. By command of the 16th, one on the 17th, two on the 18th, three-mile limit, and although they knew four on the 19th and 20th. Allowing five more for the 21st, and adding the regular on the subject for studies it. Even though they knew only one thing certain, for it comes from Havana garrisons, the total is less than the Triton would be a desirable acquisition when war came. Even though they knew for the Spanish auxiliary fleet, they came for The arriving troops are filthy and ragged but they are strong and full of patriotism.

In fact there is a warlike spirit everywhere. The streets of the city have been turned into drill grounds and offices have been opened for enlistment. Courier Holmes says: "Don't make the mistake of thinking that they won't fight. Why, even 10-year-old boys are enlisting; and they mean business too." Prices of all kinds of food shot up 20 pe cent on the 13th, 5 per cent on the 15th and

10 per cent on the 21st and even at these high

THE BEE BULLETIN.

Weather Forecast for Nebraska-1 Spain Will Search and Seize. Havana Preparing for War. Army and Navy Are Very Busy. 2 Taxes for War Purpose Shoe Pinches Auditor Co. No Call Yet for State Tr.

4 Last Week in Omaha Se Cty. Latest News of the Exp Lion 5 Omaha Drops Another G letivity at Camp Thome 6 Council Bluffs Local Ma 7 Iowa News and Commen 8 No Hurry Over City Ja Indian Bids to Open at

10 "Ashes of Empire." 11 Commercial and Financ News. Condition of Omaha's Trane. 12 Editorial and Comment.

13 Cut Rates Get No Freight. Echoes of the Ante-Room. 14 In the Amusement World. Musical Review of the Week. 16 Most Lofty Point of Quito. Two Arbor Days in Nebraska. 18 In the Domain of Woman.

19 Glimpsen of Golden Gate. 20 Growth of the Park System. Battle of Chickamauga. 21 Ruin of Cuba's Tobacco Industry. Spain's Past and Present. Information Always on Tap.

Temperature at Omnbar 4 p. m..... 62 5 p. m..... 62 9 a. m.,... 50 7 p. m 61

prices it is almost impossible to buy. Army The wildest reports were circulated in Ha- rations, however, and coal are pouriog into World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-Your vana and were credited. It was believed Havana. On April 18 the steamship Reina

PANEC IN HAVANA. On the same day there was a panic over 20 there were over 85,000 tons of coal on

than ever. Unfavorable cablegrams about town is causing much excitement. The cap- General Lee, but they secured confidential the action of the American congress and the department in postponing the certificathe president were held for days and then tion of the call until Monday is a desire to allowed to slip out gradually. The abuse of make sure that adequate arrangements can In Havana men are at work day and night | Americans is now universal and unchecked. | be completed by quartermasters and commisadding to the fortifications. Old-time brass News of the final action at Washington sary departments for transporting and feed-Powers to Send Strong Note to United cannon which raw service many years ago caused a great popular burst of indignation, ing the large number of men called for. This are being put in place to splice out the sea followed by a whirtwind of patriotism. The is no light task, as the volunteers must be batteries. They would not be dangerous, as Spanlards in Hayana declared that they had taken by the government at a certain point lively exchange of notes in regard to the a matter of fact, even if Secretary Long been insulted, and had there been any Ameri- in every state, where they are to be collected proposed concerted action upon the part of should allow Rear Admiral Sampson to do cans left in the city and known as such by the governors. some of the powers for the protection of his fighting at 800 yards instead of 3,000, as they would surely have died. Great crowds surrounded the governor general's palace and But no extra armament of modern style thronged the parks. "Laguerca" (war) was every section of the country to Secretary of the queen regent because nobody cared to
assume the reins in such a moment.

The government is now determined to tol
The government is now determined to tol-

A pontoon bridge has been built across April 13 and many have been sent back by army tactics.

ARMISTICE A FARCE.

There is no food for some and no arms for many. The Cubans that have been sent back rejected have gone into the Spanish mobilized forces, but they will not fight very hard. As for General Blanco's armistice, co solemnly talked about in Europe and refuted in Cuba, it is a farce; more so, even, than Cuban autonomy. Colonel Delgado had two skirmishes yesterday, his camp being attacked by a Spanish column. Several men were killed on both sides and Mr. Holmes helped to bury them.

The comic opera side of Spanish officials' peace in Cuba is shown by the fact that after the promulgation of General Blanco's decree an uninstructed news bureau sent out official statements of several brilliant Spanish victories. One of them, it was announced, was won not four miles from the spot where the dispatch boat made its landing.

On April 17 the autonomy commission composed of Senors Dolz, Giberga, Rabella and Sola left Havana for Santa Cruz del Sur. which is close to the station of the Cuban government. It was no secret that they went officially to inform the Cuban leaders that American intervention was only a mask for spe dy a nexation. It is not thought, however, that they will make any impression even if they are not put to death, in accordsel will not be able to move for a month on ance with the Cuban rule, which applies the account of the tubes for its boiler or con- death penalty to all that endeavor to treat denser having been stolen. They cannot be with Cubans on any basis whatever other

than complete independence. STARVING TO DEATH. The condition of the reconcentrades is horrible and Weyler's plan of extermination will form an encampment known as Camp came out of the floating dock only four days succeed if invasion is long delayed. The George H. Thomas, and will constitute tem-American rations already issued from the porarily an army corps under the command warehouses lasted until April 17. Since then is useless. It was ruined by Spanish engi- they have had nothing, as the government, neers on her first trip from the shops in has confiscated all the food for the troops. The gift of supplies from the Spaniards in

Mexico wes also for the army and navy, al-Still, with all their mediaeval characteris; work of repairing the machinery is pro- bombast, the Spanish residents of Havana teries. have to a man responded to their country's call. They will be beaten, I believe, not

through their cowardice, but through their to the times. Commanders of the Spanish forts have seen me disembark. The Havana newspa- liam R. Shafter, Brigadier General John J. pers have howled over "The Triton in Mariano bay." We were aground half of one made to catch us, although the Spanish offithe work we were doing would damage them

As Mr. Holmes says: "The Spaniards are as cruel as they are cruel. SYLVESTER SCOVEL

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ARMY AND NAVY BUSY

President's Call for Volunteers Adls to General Activity.

WILL BE CERTIFIED TO STATES MONDAY

Making Arrang ments for Handling the Militia Forces.

WILL RENDEZVOUS AT THREE POINTS

Washington, Richmond and Atlanta Are Chosen.

GETTING READY FOR A CUBAN INVACION

War Department Creates a Grand Army Division, and General Brooke Will Command the Invading Army.

WASHINGTON, April 23 .- The president called upon the people of the United States for the first time in thirty years to manifest their martial strength, the call this time being on a united people to go forward to

battle with a foreign foe. The secretary of war created a new army 1 p. m..... 60 corps. The two taken together, with other 2 p. m..... 61 news of today, showed that the regular news of today, showed that the regular army, soon will move on Cuba, and that meanwhile the volunteers will be equipped and

drilled. The president's proclamation, while actually issued, was not certified to the governors of the states and territories, and will not be until Monday. The roisons are two-fold.

In the first place, the War department desires to avoid destroying the present organization of the National Guard, which is to be called into service first. The guard regiments are composed of twelve companies and, being officered more numerously than the regular army regiments, would have to be changed to correspond with the army regulation in order to comply with the law as it

The pending Hull bill, however, provider for meeting just such an emergency and permits the use of the National Guard as organized

This consideration is more important than would appear at first, inasmuch as many of the National Guard have volunteered only under condition that they may serve as now. organized.

The second consideration which influenced

WILL BE QUICKLY MOBILIZED. Telegrams have been coming from almost

do to the hated Yankees, he sank his teeth time, surprisingly short in many cases, that guns had been mounted to the east of Morro Into his bure arm and swallowed the blood. would be required by them to gather their The men, as fast as mustered in by regufor them are rapidly nearing completion and would be a draft by the Spanish officials and lar army officers in the various states, will

> than 2,000 have gone into the field since where they will be organized to meet the The fact that Richmond is ramed as one of these points is taken as an evidence that Fitzhugh Lee is to receive a volunteer commission, either es one of the four major generals or one of the nine brigadier generals provided for in the volunteer bill, for it is

> > that Richmond was selected as one of the points of concentration. In expectation of the certification of the president's call, a vast number of letters have begun to come to Secretary Alger offering the services of volunteers. So numerous are these communications that the secretary has notified the press to inform the people that such communications should be directed to the governors of their respective states and territories, as he had no authority under

believed that it was largely at his instance

the law to accept volunteers direct. The formation of a Grand Army corps in the Department of the South, with headquarters at the three gulf ports, is an evilence that the government is to move on Cuba at once with the regular army, leaving the volunteers called for to be disciplined and worked into shape for future use in the

FORMAL ORDER ISSUED. The formal order for the creation of this Grand Army division, issued at the War department at the close of office hours, was as follows: WASHINGTON, April 23 .- General Orders No. 7.-By the direction of the secretary of

war the following orders of the president are published for the information and guidance of all concerned; First, the United S ates troops assembled in the Chickamauga National park will of Major General John R. Brooke. The

corps will consist of one division of cavalry, one division of infantry and one brigade of light artillery. The cavalry and infantry divisions will neither the Americans nor the Spaniards are still repairing. The machinists at work on though at the time of its presentation the brigades, consisting of three or more regiments each.

> The artillery brigade will be composed of tics, their childish vanities and their windy two battalions, each comprising three bat-The corps commander will assign the minor officers present for duty for each arm to command of divisions and brigades. Second, the infantry regiments concendark ignorance. They are not alert and up trated at New Orleans, Mobile, Ala., and Tampa, Fla., are constituted divisions un-

> > Coppinger and Brigadier General James F. Wadz, respectively. The division commanders will form th ir divisions into brigades and assign the senfor officers present for duty to command

der the command of Brigadier General Wil-

MAJOR GENERAL MILES. H. C. CORBIN, Adjutant General,

The people of the District of Columbia will see a great many soldiers at the beginning of next week. By direction of the president us only in a lazy sort of way, which a New the entire National Guard of the district, York school boy could easily have baffled. 1,800 strong, has been ordered into camp Monday morning at the Soldiers' home under the command of Brigadier General Harries. brave, and they are as stupid as they are The guard will not be directly in the service of the United States government, but being in camp fully equipped and armed, will be in position for instant service on demand. MUST FURNISH VOLUNTEERS.

While it is the purpose of the War departe ment to secure national guardsmen as fast